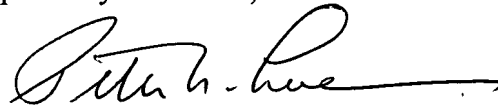


In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that an examination of the application on the merits proceed. Furthermore, in compliance with the applicable rules of practice, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the purported invention of Group I and submit that claims 1 through 15, 30 and 31 read on such Group I invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this communication to Deposit Account 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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